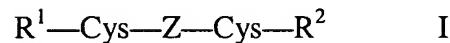## A.   <u>Amendments to the Specification:</u>

Immediately after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

- - CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is the national phase in the U.S. of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/012783, filed November 15, 2003, the contents of which is incorporated by reference herein. - -

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

- - Template-fixed β-hairpin mimetics and libraries including a plurality of these mimetics are provided. The template-fixed β-hairpin mimetics are of the following general formula:

$$R^1\!-\!Cys\!-\!Z\!-\!Cys\!-\!R^2 \qquad I$$

wherein the two cysteine residues are bridged by a disulfide bond, thereby forming a cyclic peptide; R^1 and R^2 are di- or tripeptide moieties of certain types, as defined herein; and Z is a chain of n amino acid residues with n being an integer from 4 to 20 and with each of these n amino acid residues being, independently, derived from any naturally occurring L-α-amino acid. - -